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Record-of-Rights

Preparation of record-of-rights in the estates in the Ganjam district.

* 752 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the estate or estates in which operations relating to the preparation of record-of-rights including also commutation of money rents under Chapter XI of the Estates Land Act of 1908, are being carried on in the district of Ganjam;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the above operations are carried out now on the application and deposit of expenses by the ryots long before the depressions began;

(*c*) whether the Government are aware of the fact that the ryots have now been requesting the Collector of Ganjam and the Board of Revenue to stop the operations on the ground of inability to contribute any further for the expenses of these operations and that they have not been able to find money to obtain legal help or to meet expenses (both private and public) connected with these operations; and

(*d*) whether the Government have given their consideration to these and such other representations on this question and what the conclusions are, if any, arrived at?

A.—(*a*) Khallikota, Atagada, Dharakota, Parlakimedi, Surangi and certain villages in other estates.

(*b*) Under section 164 of the Madras Estates Land Act, either the landholder or ryots may ask Government to direct that a survey be made and a record-of-rights be prepared on depositing or furnishing security for such amount for the payment of expenses as the Government may direct. Applications were received from landholders as well as from ryots. The operations are in progress.

(*c*) & (*d*) Recently there was representation to the Collector of Ganjam from the ryots of Bahadapalli village in the Khallikote estate that the settlement of rents should not be proceeded with in view of the present economic depression. The Board has recommended the cancellation of the orders of Government directing the settlement of rents in respect of this village. Orders have been issued accordingly.

Emigration

Emigration to Malaya.

* 753 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the Hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have sent a communication to the Madras Government regarding Malaya emigration;